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In re Application of:

Katsuaki YAMANOI, et al.

Application No.: 09/990,372

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**For: INFORMATION RECORDING APPARATUS
INCLUDING INFORMATION ATTACHING
AND GENERATING DEVICE WHICH
GENERATES GROUP CONTROL
INFORMATION (As Amended)**

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 24, 2004, the period for response to which having been extended through May 24, 2005 by a by a petition for a three-month extension of time filed concurrently herewith, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.

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